

# Tips for Selecting a Cut Christmas Tree

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Planning a visit to Hutton-Loyd to find that perfect tree? Fantastic! Truly, we are honored. We have compiled the tips below to make the trip, and tree you get from it, more enjoyable for you.

## Before you leave home

- **Pick out the spot in your home where you want to place your tree.** Trees look much smaller in the field where there is no ceiling, so determine how tall of a tree you need before you venture into the fields. Perhaps find this height on your body so when you get to the fields and realize you forgot your tape measure, it won't be an issue. **Remember to factor in**
  - **Height added by the star, angel, shrunken head, or whatever else you want to put on top**
  - **Height added by your tree stand** (around 6" max for most)
  - **Space you want between tree and ceiling** (probably 12" or so)
- Example: 8' ceiling – 0.5' top ornament – 0.5' stand – 1' space = 6' tree
- **Measure the depth of your tree stand so you know how long of a trunk your tree needs.**
- **Consider the space you have for the width of the tree.** Most trees are 80% as wide as they are tall. So if your ceiling is tall enough for a 10' tree, but the tree must squeeze between a couch and wall 6' apart, you will probably have to go with a 7' instead of a 10' tree.
- **Research the different characteristics of the trees we offer** on our [website](#), bearing in mind:
  - The type of **ornaments and lights** you want to put on the tree. Heavier ornaments require trees with stiffer branches.
  - **How likely you are, in all truthfulness, to keep the tree watered.** If Rover loves nothing more than to drink from the tree stand, pick a tree that won't lose as many needles when it dries out.
  - **What fragrance strength you desire.** If you or your guests have allergies to pine resin, go for a less fragrant tree like White Pine.
  - **The decorators.** If your little ones will be helping to decorate, prickly needles may be ill-advised.

## Once in the fields

- **Look for trees that**
  - **Fit your height and width criteria**
  - **Have a long enough trunk to fit in your stand with removing an essential branch**
- **Remember that you may cut the top out of a tree** that has an undesirable lower section.
- **Give each tree you like a firm shake.** If it sprinkles needles, don't worry. If it rains them, pick another.
- **When cutting your tree**
  - **Be careful!** (duh)
  - **Leave as much trunk as possible** – you can always shorten it later. It's no fun to get home and find you have to cut off major branch and make a huge gap in the tree in order to get it seated in the stand.